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Title: Need for strict implementation of the Street Vendors (protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA): The UPA Government brought The Street Vendors (protection of livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 to protect the livelihood rights of street vendors by regulating the street vending through demarcation of vending zones.

I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the fact that though it has been more than two years that the Act has come into force, but till date in Ludhiana City neither any survey has been conducted to identify the number of vendors nor have the places where the vending zones such as Sunday market, Night Market, Food Markets, Heritage Markets etc. are to be set up been identified. Even a single meeting of the Town Vending Committee has not been called by the Municipal Corporation till date. This may have been the case in other cities and towns of the country as well.

We can't overlook the contribution of poor vendors in our economy. They are working hard in adverse weather conditions to sell their products to the weaker sections of our society and are sustaining their families.

In the absence of proper implementation of the Act, they are allegedly being forced to pay bribes to the officials of the Municipal Corporation and Traffic police on weekly basis,otherwise they are harassed and their products are seized by them. I, therefore, request the Government to take immediate steps for the strict implementation of the Act in the interest of vendors.